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### Chapter 151 Blood Light Slash\_3

Li Xiu walked out to the door next to Ximen Guan's room and knocked. Ximen Guan quickly opened the door.

Ximen Guan was also an old and shrewd man; just one glance and he knew what had happened.

"Can my equipment still be used?" Li Xiu asked Ximen Guan.

"There's a minor issue, but it can still be used," Ximen Guan replied.

"As long as it can be used, give it to me," Li Xiu nodded slightly.

"Wait a moment," Ximen Guan closed the door, and before long, he opened it again and handed a backpack to Li Xiu.

Li Xiu picked up the backpack, feeling a bit surprised.

The usual Magic Armor Box is a square or a wider rectangle; before, when it was in the Ghost-faced Magic Armor Box form, it was a wide rectangle, about the same size as a pull-rod suitcase used for travel.

Now, what Ximen Guan handed to Li Xiu was a backpack about the size of a schoolbag used by elementary students, with an outer canvas layer that could be carried or worn. Inside, it should be the Ghost-faced Magic Armor Box.

Just by its volume, the Ghost-faced Magic Armor Box was much smaller than before, and it was unknown if its style had been altered.

Li Xiu did not open it to check but slung the backpack over his shoulder and said to Deputy Lin, "Let's go."

Deputy Lin glanced at the backpack on Li Xiu's back without paying attention; no one would have thought that a backpack could contain a full set of magic armor.

Moreover, Deputy Lin didn't even think in that direction; he couldn't imagine a Magic Armor Master frequently going to the Trial Ground for adventures.

As for weapons like firearms, to the City Lord, who was surrounded by Magic Armor Masters and Trial Takers, they were of no concern.

Sha Chu and A Fei were also called out and got into the car with Li Xiu, and the car slowly made its way towards the City Lord's Mansion.

Li Xiu did not start anything at the inn, not because he was unsure but because killing Deputy Lin and these soldiers wouldn't accomplish much.

He preferred to solve problems at their root, rather than dealing with minor troubles one by one.

The car drove into the City Lord's Mansion and stopped in front of the lobby at the main entrance.

After Li Xiu and the others got off the car, some soldiers came up to inspect and reached out to take the backpack from Li Xiu's back.

"You'd better not touch this," Li Xiu reached out and stopped the soldier.

"You'd better not move," the soldier raised his gun, aiming it at Li Xiu's head, speaking with a grim face.

As the soldier moved again to grab Li Xiu's backpack, there was a flash of red light, and both the gun and his arms were cut in two.

"Ah!" the soldier screamed miserably as he stepped back, blood gushing from his severed arms.

The surrounding soldiers instantly raised their guns, pointing at Li Xiu and the rest.

"I told you, don't touch my things," Li Xiu said calmly.

"So you are a real Trial Taker; no wonder you passed the Dark Maze so many times. But within the City Lord's Mansion, even a true Trial Taker must adhere to the City Lord's rules," Deputy Lin said, looking at the Fire Lotus Sword in Li Xiu's hand. "Put away your Contract and hand over your things to the soldiers, come see the City Lord with me, and I can overlook this."

"I told you, don't touch my things, you can test it if you don't believe me," Li Xiu smiled at Deputy Lin.

"Don't think that just because you're a real Trial Taker, you can act recklessly within the City Lord's Mansion. You're far from being qualified," Deputy Lin glared coldly at Li Xiu, then pulled out a dagger from his chest.

The dagger had purple electric patterns flickering on it, clearly also a Contract.

As Deputy Lin just pulled out the dagger, there was a sudden flash of cold light, and not knowing what had happened, he let out a scream as his hand holding the dagger got severed at the wrist, with the severed hand and dagger dropping to the ground.

"Didn't he tell you?" Sha Chu's sword was already in its sheath before anyone else even saw her draw it to cut off Deputy Lin's hand.

"Stop." The surrounding soldiers were shocked and about to fire at Li Xiu and the others but suddenly heard a voice coming from inside the lobby.

Four Magic Armor Masters walked out first and stood on either side of the main entrance, then a middle-aged man accompanied by two bodyguard-like individuals came out from within the hall, standing on the steps and said, "Do you two think that now being real Trial Takers, you can run wild in my Zhongshan City?"

Li Xiu laughed, "Is the City Lord suggesting that not participating in your trial equals running wild?"

"Yes, in Zhongshan City, no one can defy my will," the City Lord of Zhongshan said naturally. "To ordinary people, a real Trial Taker may be something, but here, even if you are a Trial Taker, or even a Magic Armor Master, you must obey or else..."

The City Lord of Zhongshan didn't finish his sentence, but the meaning was clear.

"I see, so according to you, City Lord, if we don't participate in the trial, what happens?" Li Xiu asked the City Lord of Zhongshan calmly.

"Death," replied the City Lord of Zhongshan coldly with one word.

With that word, the four Magic Armor Masters stepped forward to stand in front of the City Lord of Zhongshan, and the barrels of the soldiers' guns pointed again at Li Xiu and the others, ready to turn them into sieves at the City Lord's command.

Li Xiu laughed, "Then today, I will indeed run wild."

Saying this, Li Xiu lifted the backpack with one hand, the backpack was immediately burst open from inside, and pieces of magic armor flew out, swiftly wrapping around Li Xiu's body.

Seeing the appearance of the magic armor, the City Lord of Zhongshan and those Magic Armor Masters were startled, but seeing the state of Li Xiu's armor, they all sneered disdainfully.

The magic armor on Li Xiu's body looked as if it had been salvaged from a battlefield in Iraq, its surface shabby and worn, like it had been sanded down, with some parts missing, directly exposing parts of Li Xiu's body.

Even one of Li Xiu's legs was exposed, completely without the coverage and protection of the magic armor.

"Can this even be called magic armor?" The Magic Armor Masters' eyes were filled with contempt, as if a Magic Armor Master like Li Xiu and armor like this were a constant insult to them.

## Chapter 152 The Old Official's Demon Armor

Li Xiu hadn't expected that the small problem that old official mentioned would turn out like this.

If Li Xiu hadn't already activated the Demon Armor and was wearing it, he would have thought it was just a pile of scrap, completely unusable.

Since it could be used, it didn't matter to Li Xiu.

"So, you're actually a Magic Armor Master. That's rare. A Magic Armor Master willing to venture into the Trial Ground, your Magic Armor Master career must not be going smoothly, huh?" Zhongshan City Lord mocked.

"City Lord, I think you should leave here right now," suddenly said a Magic Armor Master standing in front of Zhongshan City Lord.

"Qing Shan, what do you mean by that?" Zhongshan City Lord looked at the Magic Armor Master and asked.

The Magic Armor Master referred to as Qing Shan replied without turning his head, "It's very dangerous, you should leave here now."

"Dangerous? How dangerous can it be, with just that shabby magic armor? Don't tell me, with the two of you, S-Class and A-Class Magic Armor Masters here, I still have to flee," Zhongshan City Lord said with a stern face.

"City Lord, don't listen to Qing Shan's nonsense. He's gone senile. With us here, don't mention just one such trashy Magic Armor Master, even ten would be as good as dead. You two protect the City Lord. I'll deal with him. Since Qing Shan is so scared, let him stay here," said another S-Class Magic Armor Master, Black Mist.

As he spoke, Black Mist transformed into a shadow, with two Black Light Blades appearing in his hands, slashing towards Li Xiu standing there like an illusion.

Black Mist was incredibly fast, the ten-meter distance covered in a blink, with the Demonic Light behind the magic armor propelling his body forward at unbelievable speed.

For an ordinary Magic Armor Master, facing such speed, even if the mind could react, the body and magic armor couldn't keep up with the mind's response and could only watch as the body was sliced by Black Mist's Black Light Blade.

Black Mist was overly confident in his own speed. Even among S-Class Magic Armors, Black Mist's speed was top-notch, with not many S-Class Magic Armors being able to compete in speed.

Boom!

But at the moment Black Mist rushed to Li Xiu, he felt as if struck by lightning on the head, his face slamming heavily to the ground.

"Boom!"

The dust flew, and after it settled, Li Xiu's leg, wrapped in Demon Armor, was stepping on the back of Black Mist's head.

Black Mist was completely embedded in the ground, seeming to struggle desperately but unable to break free.

Zhongshan City Lord instantly stepped back in shock; that was S-Class Black Mist, yet someone had stomped him down with a foot. What kind of monster was this?

"Did I allow you to leave?" Li Xiu said, suddenly moving, exerting force with the foot on Black Mist. The magic light from the sole burst out, like a rocket thruster, propelling Li Xiu's body to burst upwards, rushing towards the retreating Zhongshan City Lord.

"Block him, stop him for me, Qing Shan, stop him," the Zhongshan City Lord completely lost the aura of controlling everything, yelling while retreating.

The two A-Class Magic Armor Masters shot magic light at Li Xiu in midair, but Li Xiu, like a freely soaring sea swallow, even with only one leg firing magic light for propulsion, easily glided through the barrage of magic light, flitting between the two A-Class Magic Armor Masters.

The two A-Class Magic Armor Masters instantly had a blood streak appear at their waists, their magic armor shattered, and they fell down.

Qing Shan stood in front of Li Xiu, staring dead at him, with magic light gathering in his hands, forming a cyan Shield of Light, trying to block Li Xiu's charge.

Li Xiu pressed on without pausing, crashing directly into the Shield of Light, with one hand, fingers like a hook, first impacting the shield.

Crack!

In an instant, Li Xiu's fingers, infused with demonic light, cracked the Shield of Light and directly grabbed the head of S-Class Magic Armor Master Qing Shan, pressing his head to the ground, pushing forward more than a hundred meters, leaving a deep trench in the ground.

Zhongshan City Lord's soul turned pale with fright; that was Qing Shan Armor's strongest skill, Cyan Mountain Shield, which, even with continuous S-Class demonic light attacks for an hour, would be hard to breach.

How could it be shattered with just a grab of the fingers? At this point, Zhongshan City Lord finally realized the terrifying nature of what he had provoked.

Two S-Class and two A-Class Magic Armor Masters were nothing but wild chickens and dogs before Li Xiu, and Zhongshan City Lord never imagined that S-Class Magic Armor Masters could be so fragile, so unable to withstand a single blow.

"You can't kill me." Watching Li Xiu walking step by step like a Demon God, Zhongshan City Lord gave up on running and turned to Li Xiu, shouting.

"Why can't I kill you?" Li Xiu continued to walk toward Zhongshan City Lord, asking casually.

"Red Sand City Lord is my brother-in-law. If you kill me, you'll be against the entire Southern Cross Federation. Are you sure you want to do that?" Zhongshan City Lord continued, "You don't have to do this, as long as you don't kill me, all the gemstones and Demon Cores in the City Lord's Mansion are yours. Don't you like playing in the Mortal World as a Trial Taker? I can talk to my brother-in-law, so you can access any Trial Gate you want, and I'll cover all the costs..."

"Sounds pretty good," Li Xiu stopped, smiling.

"It's really good. Whatever you want, just tell me, I can give you anything..." Seeing that Li Xiu seemed moved, Zhongshan City Lord hurriedly promised even more.

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Bang!

A Demonic Light directly blasted Zhongshan City Lord's head, and his corpse slowly fell to the ground afterward.

Li Xiu withdrew his finger, not bothering to look at the Zhongshan City Lord's corpse, turned around to look at the door, seeing those soldiers outside already dead or fled, only Afei and Sha Chu remained outside.

"Hehe, if I'd known it was this simple, I'd have saved time on modifying your Demon Armor and just come in and killed everyone." Ximen Guan appeared from somewhere, walking into the City Lord's Mansion while laughing.

"I'm not in the habit of killing and looting." If it weren't for the Zhongshan City Lord seeking death himself, Li Xiu didn't enjoy using force.

"True, you are alone, no matter how strong, you are still just one person. No matter how formidable a Magic Armor Master is, they can't stand against the entire Southern Cross Federation." Ximen Guan seemed to agree with Li Xiu, but then his tone shifted, "But that's only when you're wearing regular S-Class Magic Armor. If you put on my S-Class Magic Armor, even if all the Magic Armor Masters of the

Southern Cross Federation came to kill you, you still wouldn't lose. Do you want to consider wearing my armor in the future..."

"You should go find your armor first." Li Xiu said as he walked toward the City Lord's Mansion.

He had no thoughts on Ximen Guan's armor, but he was very interested in Zhongshan City Lord's vault.

Several people rushed into the City Lord's Mansion, ignoring the panicked servants and women, and began searching inside.

The result was disappointing; the Zhongshan City Lord's assets seemed rather meager, with only a batch of Black Apatite in stock. Other rubies and sapphires were only a few small pieces, none too big.

In fact, the Zhongshan City Lord had nearly exhausted all his savings to complete Ximen Guan's armor, leaving him with no real wealth now.

Li Xiu's only gain was a batch of Black Apatite, while Ximen Guan finally found his armor.

Below the City Lord's Mansion was a large underground laboratory, filled with Magic Armor researchers captured by the Zhongshan City Lord. They were imprisoned there to study and repair Ximen Guan's armor.

When Li Xiu and his group saw the armor, it was in a massive transparent container filled with an unknown liquid.

The armor was soaking in the liquid, connected by many neuron-like filaments, each filament transmitting continuous strands of light.

As Li Xiu saw the armor, he couldn't help but stare wide-eyed.

He had seen many Magic Armors, but such a sight was his first.

The concept of armor usually implies armors he had seen, styled like armor but with slight variations.

But Ximen Guan's armor was different; it wasn't armor, it looked like clothing.

The black jumpsuit inside the container floated slightly, looking as soft as silk.

"Is this really Magic Armor?" Even Sha Chu couldn't help but ask.

"What do you think? Impressive, right? Only I can create such Magic Armor. All those Magic Armor Laboratories and researchers are just trash. How could they compare to me, Ximen Guan? They are not even worthy to serve me." Ximen Guan boasted.

Indeed, Ximen Guan had reason to be proud, but hearing these words felt rather unpleasant.

"What a mess, who thought of this method for my Magic Armor? They're idiots." Ximen Guan scolded the researchers who trembled with fear.

While cursing, he opened the container, ripped off the filaments connected to the armor, and took out the jumpsuit-like Magic Armor.

Though it looked incredibly soft, once Ximen Guan released it, the jumpsuit eerily stood like a person, appearing strangely surreal.

Like an invisible man wearing clothes, you could see the clothes floating but not the person inside.

The overall style of the armor resembled a mysterious wizard wearing a cloak, with a veil covering the face, only the eye section was exposed.

Ximen Guan explained, "The eye part was unfinished because considering future entry into the Trial Gate, ordinary materials wouldn't work. I've never found suitable materials, and in the end got imprisoned before I could finish it."

After a pause, he continued, "The Zhongshan City Lord wanted an S-Class Demon Core from the Hero Trial Ground for the final eye part, but he didn't know, I've tried it before. The S-Class Demon Core obtained from the Hero Trial Ground isn't suitable for making the eye part of this Magic Armor."

"Forget about those things for now, just fix my Magic Armor first. You've torn it apart." Li Xiu pointed at the Ghost-faced Magic Armor.

"I haven't completed the modifications yet. You should've directly barged into the City Lord's Mansion from the start, and there wouldn't be so many issues." Ximen Guan replied.

"Fix it quickly." Li Xiu tossed the Ghost-faced Magic Armor Box to Ximen Guan.

The Zhongshan City Lord might truly be related to Red Sand City Lord. Once he hears about his relative being killed, he might send people to Zhongshan City for revenge. The Ghost-faced Magic Armor must be fixed quickly.

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"Why bother fixing it? Just wear this set of Demon Armor I made. Although the eye part isn't done yet, it's definitely way better than your suit." Ximen Guan muttered as he tried to persuade.

Li Xiu pretended not to hear. He had sworn an oath, and he couldn't easily break it.

"What are your plans?" Sha Chu approached Li Xiu, asking with a half-smile.

"Seems like you have some ideas?" Li Xiu asked back.

"Zhongshan City is surrounded by dense forests and is in a lawless area between Guyue City and Red Sand City, not too far from Tyrone City's territory. If you can establish control here, it wouldn't be a bad thing. The batch of Black Apatite you have will be most effective here." Sha Chu explained.

Li Xiu had the same thought. With a ready Trial Gate and Black Apatite here, there's no need to search elsewhere. As long as he improves his physical condition here, he can head straight to the Sea Heaven Trial Ground or Gate of Purgatory.

"You've run family businesses before, so you should be good at managing internal affairs. Help me sort out the city's relationships first." Li Xiu directly handed the most troublesome question to Sha Chu.

"As long as you can hold the ground, these aren't issues." Sha Chu smiled.

Sha Chu had remarkable efficiency and quickly stabilized the situation, re-signing contracts with the city's merchants.

As for residents of Zhongshan City, there aren't actually any. The city was built by directly carving out the mountain, with no original inhabitants. The residents are mostly businessmen who signed contracts and came to open shops before the city was established.

As long as there's money to be made, these businessmen don't care who's the City Lord, as long as they can profit.

Many people are secretly speculating how long this new Zhongshan City Lord can hold the position.

The previous City Lord of Zhongshan was the brother-in-law of the Red Sand City Lord, and most merchants followed him here because of his identity. Otherwise, who would come to such a remote place?

Fortunately, the Trial Gate attracts people from other regions, keeping their business decent.

Most are guessing how soon will the Red Sand City Lord send someone to take out the new City Lord.

The main problem is that the City Lord's Mansion now doesn't even have soldiers; the previous ones have long fled. Even if not all fled, few would be willing to stick with Li Xiu.

No matter how skilled Li Xiu is, he's just one person. Can a Magic Armor Master, no matter how talented, stand against the Magic Armor Master army of Red Sand City?

Unexpectedly to Li Xiu, the Qing Shan Magic Armor Master he injured didn't leave Zhongshan City but approached Li Xiu voluntarily.

"Why didn't you leave?" Li Xiu looked at Qing Shan Magic Armor Master and asked.

Black Mist and two other A-level Magic Armor Masters were killed by Li Xiu in a single blow. Qing Shan wasn't killed instantly but unexpectedly dared to return to see Li Xiu.

"Where can I go?" Qing Shan removed his Demon Armor, revealing a youthful, gentle-looking thirty-something man, now showing a bitter expression. "I was sent by the Red Sand City Lord to protect him. Now he's dead, and the other three Magic Armor Masters are dead too. If I return alone, the Red Sand City Lord's wife's character won't spare me."

"Do you want to stay?" Li Xiu looked at Qing Shan and asked.

"If you're willing, I am ready to follow you." Qing Shan said.

"Aren't you afraid of the Red Sand City Lord's revenge?" Li Xiu asked curiously.

"I am, but I believe you can solve this problem. Among the Magic Armor Masters I know, aside from God, you're probably the strongest. The Red Sand City Lord can't disregard his main city's safety to send a large number of Magic Armor Masters here. If only one or two come, even his world's fourth-ranked Magic Armor Master, I don't think he can win." Qing Shan analyzed.

"If you want to stay, then stay. I need manpower here anyway." Li Xiu didn't refuse.

Even if he wants to be a spy, it doesn't matter; a spy still works. Let him be the grunt first.

"Did you kill the Zhongshan City Lord and occupy Zhongshan City?" Chu Jun sent a message.

"Yes."

"Are you still a Magic Armor Master?"

"Yes."

"You don't plan to escape?"

"No escape."

"Keep a spot for me at the City Lord's Mansion; I'll be there the night after tomorrow."

"Okay."

Li Xiu found some documents in the City Lord's Mansion related to the Hero Trial Ground, many of which contained maze maps drawn by various Trial Takers.

However, many maps drawn by Trial Takers were incorrect; analyzing them would lead to more mistakes.

The more useful maps mostly came from the same person, evident by the drawing style.

"Li Xiu, the Trial Taker who tried to kill us in the maze wants to see you outside." A Fei came in, interrupting Li Xiu's research.

"Let him in." Li Xiu roughly guessed Ye Yuzhen's intentions.

"Cough, cough, City Lord, it was all my fault before. I couldn't recognize true strength. Whether you punish or forgive is up to you." Upon entering, Ye Yuzhen immediately adopted a remorseful stance.

"Do you want to stay in Zhongshan City to continue exploring the Dark Maze?" Li Xiu said calmly.

"The City Lord is wise. My abilities suit the Dark Maze the best. Here, I still count as somebody. At other Trial Grounds, my abilities would be greatly diminished. If you're not averse, I am willing to serve you loyally." Ye Yuzhen quickly promised.

"You can stay, but you must participate in the next trial." Li Xiu replied coolly.

"This..." Ye Yuzhen's face changed, knowing the next trial might be S-level. Even he wasn't confident he could survive.

"There's no free lunch in this world. I won't dwell on previous matters, but you must contribute if you want to stay and enjoy benefits. I'll also enter the next trial; it's your choice whether to join." Li Xiu said to Ye Yuzhen.

Ye Yuzhen's expression fluctuated before he finally gritted his teeth and said, "Alright, I'll go."

#### Chapter 155 Blood Moon Black Death City

In the past, the Hero's Trial Ground belonged to someone else, and Li Xiu wasn't willing to risk his life there.

Now the Hero's Trial Ground is his, but if he doesn't pass the S-level trial, the trial ground can't be used anymore.

Moreover, it was a pity to waste the S-level trial when so many talents were sacrificed to complete it.

Of course, Li Xiu can't just go there casually; he has to be fully prepared first.

"Are these maps all drawn by you?" Li Xiu asked Ye Yuzhen while holding the maze maps he found.

"Yes." Ye Yuzhen explained, "Before, when I killed in the Dark Maze, it was with the money from Zhongshan's City Lord. No, it was from the previous City Lord of Zhongshan."

"You drew these maps well. Your memory is impressive." Li Xiu looked at so many maps, but only Ye Yuzhen's drawings were accurate every time.

"My family used to live next to the mineral veins. Many abandoned mines were there because they had long since stopped yielding raw stones, so they were abandoned. When I was a child, to survive, I'd go into those abandoned mines hoping to strike it lucky and find a few stones. But the mines were so interconnected that they lacked safety facilities long ago, making them prone to collapse. Additionally, without electricity and lights inside, people like us couldn't afford headlamps or similar items and could only venture in the dark. Many kids like me got buried inside without knowing when or lost their way, starving to death within."

"My memory and sense of direction are quite good, and my luck isn't bad. No matter how complex the paths, once I've walked through them, I can remember them clearly and have found some raw stones to keep me alive until now. I'd say I'm more familiar with the darkness than the daytime; I feel safer in the dark."

Li Xiu nodded slightly, "No matter your past, if you follow me from now on, you're not allowed to kill without my permission."

"Of course, without payment, I don't want to kill anyone." Ye Yuzhen nodded.

"From now on, in the middle of each month, you can collect a salary from the mansion. If you want to live in the mansion, I can arrange accommodations for you. If you prefer to live outside, that's fine too, as long as I can find you when I need to." Li Xiu said.

"Thank you, City Lord. I think I'll stay outside for now." Ye Yuzhen thought it over and said.

"Alright, here's the map you drew during the A-level trials. There are a few places you'll need to explain to me." Li Xiu pointed to the last few A-level Dark Maze maps drawn by Ye Yuzhen.

Li Xiu didn't want to know what Ye Yuzhen and Qing Shan did before. He also didn't care what they would do after.

As long as he could use them now, he would make use of them.

He didn't plan to settle down in Zhongshan City; he just wanted to obtain the resources he needed quickly.

The maps drawn by Ye Yuzhen were more detailed than those known to Li Xiu.

After all, Ye Yuzhen had participated in the trials numerous times and taken more routes than Li Xiu, so with such a collection of maps from low to high levels, coupled with Li Xiu's own memory, it provided him with clearer insights into the Dark Maze.

"Each level of the Dark Maze adds outer layers based on the previous level. I'd known this before, but the layers added follow a pattern, and those rooms with traps also follow a pattern..." Li Xiu used the routes he remembered to complete the routes Ye Yuzhen hadn't taken, resulting in a complete map.

First, categorize the maze into different zones based on levels, then consider the rooms as binary codes, with safe rooms as 0 and rooms with traps as 1. Convert each row's codes into decimal and then corresponding letters, forming words by linking each zone's letters together.

"When brave meet narrow paths, the brave shall prevail."

Now Li Xiu finally understood why the Dark Maze was named Hero Trial Ground, rather than Dark Trial Ground.

Li Xiu remembered there was more to this phrase. By following this pattern, the additional layers in the S-level maze might correspond to a few later phrases.

Li Xiu recalled the complete phrase: "When brave meet in narrow paths, the brave shall prevail; when brave meet wise men, the wise shall prevail; when wise meet kind men, the kind shall prevail; when kind meet righteous men, the righteous shall prevail; when righteous meet loyal men, the loyal shall prevail; when loyal meet virtuous men, the virtuous shall prevail; when virtuous meet men of the way, men of the way shall prevail."

If extrapolating this further, the difficulty of the S-level maze far exceeds that of the A-level maze by untold multiples; if one really went to explore, not even an hour, possibly a week wouldn't be enough to explore it completely.

But knowing this pattern, once the position and direction in the maze are determined, one can avoid all mechanisms and traps, choose the correct path, and walk out.

"Just not sure if the S-level maze is arranged according to this phrase." Although it seems highly likely, Li Xiu had to prepare for other possibilities in advance to prevent preconceived notions from wasting too much time in the maze.

After leaving the City Lord's Mansion, Ye Yuzhen carefully made a series of left and right turns, ensuring no one was tracking him, swapped into different clothes and makeup at a corner in a dark alley.

Once out of the alley, Ye Yuzhen circled around several times, confirmed no one was following him, and then proceeded to a small courtyard.

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Coming through the small courtyard's hidden door to another household behind it, Ye Yuzhen finally let out a sigh of relief.

"Brother, you're back." A girl of about seventeen or eighteen came out of the house, happily grabbing Ye Yuzhen.

The girl was dressed plainly, yet her beautiful figure couldn't be hidden, and her skin was as delicate as a flower petal.

"Xiyuan, this is for you." Ye Yuzhen took out a box of cake from his coat and handed it to Ye Xiyuan.

"It's the cake I love, Brother, did you strike it rich? You're not stingy at all recently." Ye Xiyuan said with a smile.

"You talk too much, just eat your cake." Ye Yuzhen sighed inwardly: "I wonder how many more days of peace we have."

Ye Yuzhen knew what kind of person the previous Zhongshan City Lord was, and he estimated that Li Xiu wouldn't be able to stay here for long. The Red Sand City Lord might soon send someone to kill Li Xiu and reclaim Zhongshan City.

Ye Yuzhen feared this, as that old lecher the Red Sand City Lord was notorious for his lust, having harmed countless women in Red Sand City.

In this era, beauty could sometimes be a mistake, or even a disaster.

Ye Xiyuan was only sixteen, yet she already exhibited astonishing beauty. If the Red Sand City Lord discovered Xiyuan's existence, Ye Yuzhen couldn't imagine the consequences.

Even when Ye Xiyuan was young, her looks had already caused a lot of trouble, nearly costing Ye Yuzhen his life.

"Brother, you eat too." Ye Xiyuan handed half of the cake to Ye Yuzhen.

"I ate outside, you go ahead." Ye Yuzhen said with a smile.

"I don't care, we agreed, whatever we have, we share half and half." Ye Xiyuan insisted on giving half of the cake to Ye Yuzhen.

As Ye Yuzhen ate the cake, he couldn't help but sigh inwardly: "It's because I'm useless as her brother. Xiyuan clearly has such a good talent as a Magic Armor Master, yet she can't use high-quality magic armor. I thought I could exchange a set of A-Class Demon Armor from the Zhongshan City Lord this time, but it turned out to be like this. Fortunately, the Demon Cores I accumulated are still here. If we can come out of the S-Class Dark Maze this time and get the S-Class Demon Core reward, along with the Demon Cores saved before, it should be possible to exchange for a set of A-Class Demon Armor for Xiyuan."

Ye Yuzhen didn't dare let Ye Xiyuan join those powerful organizations as a Magic Armor Master, nor even to attend Magic Armor Master training institutions, due to previous experiences.

Back then, Ye Xiyuan was not even ten years old, the two relied on each other, and by chance, they discovered Ye Xiyuan's talent as a Magic Armor Master.

Ye Yuzhen was elated to find his sister possessed the noble Magic Armor Master talent, and he risked his life in the Trial Ground to earn money so she could receive training.

Eventually, he gathered enough money to send Xiyuan to study under a Magic Armor Master.

Who knew that the Magic Armor Master was worse than a beast and had designs on Xiyuan? If Ye Yuzhen hadn't secretly watched over her during her studies, Xiyuan might have been ruined by that Magic Armor Master.

Fortunately, the Magic Armor Master's physical strength was lacking. Never expecting to be seen, he was killed by Ye Yuzhen in a surprise attack.

Killing a Magic Armor Master was a serious crime; they had no choice but to flee their hometown, struggling in exile.

Since then, Ye Yuzhen dared not let Xiyuan study Magic Armor skills elsewhere, only working tirelessly to buy her Magic Armor and educational materials.

Luckily, being a Magic Armor Master mostly relies on talent, and Xiyuan's talent was amazing. Even studying with just public materials, she made rapid progress.

However, since Ye Yuzhen couldn't get higher-grade Magic Armor, he didn't know Xiyuan's true level.

"Brother, I watched a video online about God and learned a new technique. I'll perform it for you." After finishing the cake, Ye Xiyuan took out her set of E-class Demon Armor and said.

She knew Ye Yuzhen would be happy only if she mastered more and stronger Magic Armor skills. She wanted to make him happy and hope to share some of his burdens.

Watching Ye Xiyuan demonstrating Magic Armor Master techniques, Ye Yuzhen felt gratified: "Wait a little longer, soon I'll get you a set of A-Class Demon Armor."

"Brother, how's my technique? I think I could work and earn money with it." After the demonstration, Xiyuan said.

"You're still far from that, keep practicing." Ye Yuzhen replied.

Xiyuan's eyes showed a trace of disappointment, yet she still gently said, "I will try my best, brother."

Ye Yuzhen understood Xiyuan's longing for a normal life. However, in such times, being born beautiful was a crime. Without great power, all they could do was hide.

"Just wait, I'll soon get the A-Class Demon Armor." Ye Yuzhen thought to himself.

The full moon hung in the sky. Li Xiu looked at the large, round moon above and couldn't help but feel a bit sentimental: "Life's encounters are truly marvelous. The life training with Bai Qiuyi seemed somewhat dull, but now, although life isn't boring, the increasing affairs are quite annoying."

Just as Li Xiu was contemplating, more trouble arose.

A Godslayer Shrine tablet had mysteriously appeared on the table before Li Xiu and was shaking violently.

"What mischief are you up to now?" Li Xiu looked at the Godslayer Shrine, curling his lip.

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"I'll give you one last chance, hug me immediately," a line of text appeared on the back of the shrine.

"Get lost," Li Xiu said mercilessly.

"You're dead," the Godslayer Shrine started shaking again.

Li Xiu wasn't worried at all. He couldn't do much about the shrine, but he had seen through its limited capabilities and didn't need to humor it.

The shrine shook for a while, and then the words "Li Xiu" appeared on it.

Li Xiu saw those two words and knew what was about to happen. Not panicking, he lay down on the table.

The world spun before his eyes, and then Li Xiu felt empty space beneath his hands, falling directly to the ground. He got up and looked around, finding himself in the small stone house in Black Death City.

"Next time, I'll just lie down on the ground," Li Xiu patted the dust off his clothes and walked out of the stone house.

As soon as he stepped out of the stone house, Li Xiu felt something was off.

It was still the same Black Death City, and night was still night, but the buildings across the city seemed to be covered with a layer of red.

The fires on either side of the streets burned even redder, as if stained with blood. But the city's blood-red hue wasn't just because of the fires.

Li Xiu realized what was wrong. He looked up at the sky and saw a blood-red moon hanging there.

"Does Black Death City even have a moon?" Li Xiu was a bit surprised. The previous two times he came, he hadn't seen any stars or moon. Now there was a moon that seemed to be bleeding.

Undoubtedly, this was the work of the Godslayer Shrine.

Li Xiu guessed that the Godslayer Shrine didn't have such power. Otherwise, it would have brought him over a long time ago; maybe it was a matter of timing.

Perhaps only at this time would such a blood moon appear in Black Death City, and the shrine had merely timed it accurately to bring him there.

Of course, the shrine might also have played some role, but that wasn't important.

Li Xiu cautiously summoned all his demon spirits, guarding the crossroads and looking toward the end of the street.

Clang! Clang!

That familiar sound rang out again. Li Xiu focused his gaze on the direction of the sound, and upon seeing the figure clearly, his eyes narrowed.

It was still a demon spirit wearing shackles, but this time it wasn't an ordinary one; it was a Flowing Color Demon Spirit with black light patterns on it.

Previously, such a demon spirit only appeared at the end. Now, the first demon spirit to appear was a Flowing Color Demon Spirit, clearly different from usual.

Li Xiu wasn't surprised. The Godslayer Shrine had chosen this moment to bring him here. If there was nothing special, it would have been disappointing.

Boom!

Demigod Shana was always the fastest, taking out the Flowing Color Demon Spirit with one shot.

The Flowing Color Demon Spirit fell to the ground, its colors fading, and its armor disintegrating, leaving behind a Flowing Color Demon Core.

Li Xiu immediately had the Jedi Knight go over and consume the Flowing Color Demon Core.

The demon spirits kept coming, all Flowing Color Demon Spirits. Fortunately, in this Black Death City, it seemed only E-grade ones appeared. Against the Demigod Shana of the same grade, and the B-grade Pink Nightmare, they were simply no match.

Out of the hundreds of Flowing Color Demon Spirits, most were taken out by Demigod Shana and Pink Nightmare, with Love God Shooter also making significant contributions. Without her help, Ice Soul Sea Demon might have been eliminated long ago.

What surprised Li Xiu was how extraordinarily fierce the Jedi Knight was with its Blood Light Slash skill.

Its Blood Light Slash, combined with Crescent Blade Light, took down two or three Flowing Color Demon Spirits in one go.

Even though it was only one level higher, the Jedi Knight with skills could hold its own, guarding a street and slaying over a hundred Flowing Color Demon Spirits.

Strangely enough, there was no final BOSS-like demon spirit this time, leaving Li Xiu somewhat disappointed.

"Maybe the ones coming now are the BOSSs, so there's no final BOSS," Li Xiu thought while clearing the battlefield.

Out of over four hundred Flowing Color Demon Spirits, only one Talent Gemstone dropped. Not to mention a Demon Spirit Ring, there wasn't even a Skill Ring.

Li Xiu put away the Talent Gemstone, and piled the Demon Cores at the crossroad, letting the Jedi Knight eat them as he pleased. Whatever he couldn't finish, Li Xiu would think of a way to take them after twelve rounds.

The Jedi Knight had an astonishing appetite, managing to swallow more than four hundred demon cores in less than half an hour.

Unfortunately, those over four hundred Flowing Color Demon Cores couldn't elevate it from D-grade to C-grade.

Li Xiu figured it was because those demon cores were too low-leveled. To upgrade a demon spirit with E-grade cores to C-grade was indeed challenging.

Two hours later, the second round of demon spirits appeared.

This time, they were still just Flowing Color Demon Spirits. Soon, amid the Flowing Color Demon Spirits, Li Xiu noticed demon spirits with chains shimmering with dark light—Radiant Demon Spirits were here too.

Among the dozens of Flowing Color Demon Spirits, there was one Radiant Demon Spirit, but with Li Xiu's current array of demon spirits, this posed no problem; they swiftly dealt with those demon spirits, none of them getting through.

Among the over four hundred demon spirits, only a dozen were Radiant Demon Spirits, with one dropping a Skill Ring.

Li Xiu couldn't be bothered to have the Jedi Knight collect the Demon Cores, so he let him eat them as he picked them up.

After taking the Skill Ring, Li Xiu hesitated but didn't use it, stashing it along with the Talent Gemstone.

The Jedi Knight's stomach was practically a bottomless pit; despite all those Demon Cores he consumed, he still didn't upgrade.

"Why is this level so hard to ascend? The Pink Nightmare's upgrade wasn't this difficult," Li Xiu mused, suspecting it had to do with the evil within the Jedi Knight.

When the third round of demon spirits appeared, it was initially still Flowing Color Demon Spirits. Soon, Radiant Demon Spirits appeared, their numbers significantly increased.

"Radiant Demon Spirits!" Li Xiu spotted the familiar figure again.

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"The Radiant Demon Spirit showed up in the third round, huh?" Li Xiu frowned slightly.

If this continues, the Radiant Demon Spirit will appear in the fourth round, and the Flowing Color Demon Spirit will further reduce in number.

Even without considering the appearance of Demon Spirits above E-level, after twelve rounds of Demon Spirit tides, Flowing Color and Shining level Demon Spirits will become fewer, and it's even possible for the situation where they are all Radiant Demon Spirits to occur.

In the worst case, there could be D-level or higher Demon Spirits appearing.

"The Godslayer Shrine does have some abilities. I wonder if entering Black Death City normally from the Trial Ground would result in the same situation. If under certain circumstances one enters Black Death City and encounters such a situation, it would be a very interesting discovery." Li Xiu was not impatient.

Impatience solves nothing; he prefers to think of solutions rather than fear what might happen.

Li Xiu already had several plans in his mind, but it still depended on the situation in the coming rounds to see which plan would fit the actual scenario.

Bam!

Just as the Radiant Demon Spirit rushed over, it was blown away by Demigod Shana, and after its body fell, its brilliance dissipated, leaving nothing behind.

This round of Demon Spirit tides was again carried through by Li Xiu, with only one Radiant Demon Spirit and more than twenty Shining Demon Spirits appearing.

Now Li Xiu finally knew how low the drop rate of the Demon Spirit Ring was; after three rounds, over a thousand Demon Spirits—all colorful ones—and not a single Demon Spirit Ring dropped.

This round produced two Talent Gemstones, but no Skill Rings were seen.

The Jedi Knight was still madly consuming Demon Cores, with no sign of level up.

Li Xiu took a Talent Gemstone, dripped a drop of blood on it, turning it into his talent.

"Still Night Pupil?" Li Xiu felt a bit frustrated; it was still the Night Pupil talent he got before, entirely useless.

Unwilling to yield, Li Xiu used up the remaining two Talent Gemstones, and the results were also Night Pupil talents, entirely useless.

"Could these Demon Spirits only produce Night Pupil Talent Gemstones?" Li Xiu was vexed and put on the Skill Ring to see what skills it could produce.

Dark Curse: E-level skill, gain the Dark Curse, enhancing physique by 104% at night, weakening physique by 40% in daytime.

"Does this skill have side effects?" Li Xiu compared it with Blood Boiling, also E-level, which had a 102% enhancement but no side effects; each had its advantages and disadvantages.

"Seems to acquire high-level skills and talents, it's quicker in the Trial Ground; here, only E-level skills can be obtained, while high-level skills in the Trial Ground can be easily picked up." Li Xiu felt puzzled.

Why are skills and talents so easily obtained in the Trial Ground, yet so difficult here, and can't acquire high-level ones?

The effort and the reward are not proportional. If so, why do the Trial Takers still come to the Land of Trial; why not directly acquire skills in the Trial Ground?

Li Xiu pondered and felt there must still be an issue here, he just didn't know where the problem was for now.

The fourth round of Demon Spirit swarm appeared, but this time did not turn out as expected; no Radiant Demon Spirit showed up.

There was only one Radiant Demon Spirit, but the overall Demon Spirit number increased to nearly a thousand, with over a hundred Shining Demon Spirits appearing.

With such a Demon Spirit lineup, Li Xiu handled it effortlessly; this wave of Demon Spirits also brought Li Xiu a surprise.

Though the Radiant Demon Spirit didn't produce anything, the Shining Demon Spirit dropped a Demon Spirit Ring, and the Flowing Color Demon Spirit also did.

Li Xiu put away the two Demon Spirit Rings without immediate usage.

For Li Xiu, E-level Demon Spirits held little significance; two more E-level Demon Spirits wouldn't be of much help now.

While Li Xiu was still pondering, he suddenly saw the Jedi Knight ablaze with red Light Flame, finally leveling up again.

The upgraded Jedi Knight's red armor turned into dark red, like it was blood-dyed, with the Samurai Sword's red glow closer to Blood Light.

Jedi Knight (evolvable): can summon C-level Demon Spirit Jedi Knight.

Level: C.

Talent skills: Blood Light Slash, Desperate Realm.

"Another talent skill!" Li Xiu looked at the Jedi Knight in surprise, increasingly tempted to go back and catch another evil.

A Demon Spirit that initially had no qualities, evolved twice and awakened talent skills, this probability is lower than winning the lottery.

Sha Chu's Good and Evil Punisher leveled up to S-level, yet didn't have a single talent skill, highlighting just how incredible the Jedi Knight parasitized by evil was.

Li Xiu asked the Jedi Knight to showcase the second talent skill Desperate Realm, but the Jedi Knight didn't even react, seemingly unaware of how to use the skill.

"Does the name 'Desperate Realm' imply it can only be used in a desperate situation? If so, how to determine if it's desperate?" Li Xiu couldn't figure it out at the moment.

Because the fourth round of Demon Spirit swarm increased in number, killing them took longer time, costing many hours, and the fifth round of Demon Spirit swarm quickly appeared again.

This round had ten Radiant Demon Spirits, two to three hundred Shining Demon Spirits, totaling near a thousand in the Demon Spirit swarm, the rest were Flowing Color Demon Spirits.

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Although the demon spirit group has become stronger, it has actually become easier because the Jedi Knight has also upgraded.

A single Blood Light Slash from the Jedi Knight covered ten meters, and the demon spirits in front of the Blood Light Slash were all cut into two pieces with terrifying power.

"The gap with and without skills is indeed significant." Li Xiu glanced at the B-level Pink Nightmare, which was fierce and invincible among the demon spirit group, but felt it was still somewhat lacking compared to the C-level Jedi Knight.

This made Li Xiu feel like his account had been wasted in training, but the Pink Nightmare was the only demon spirit he could use for travel work, with no other alternatives.

"I hope it can awaken a talent skill the next time it upgrades." Li Xiu thought to himself.

Originally, Li Xiu was contemplating whether to use a Demon Spirit Ring to create a demon spirit and let it consume the Demon Core to level up, in order to deal with the upcoming demon spirit group.

Now, seeing the Jedi Knight so fierce, Li Xiu decided to let the Jedi Knight consume all of the Demon Cores.

In this round, Li Xiu obtained three Talent Gemstones and two Skill Rings, which was quite a harvest. However, these Talent Gemstones and Skill Rings might all be duplicates. They were no longer of much use to Li Xiu.

In the sixth round, the number of Radiant Demon Spirits increased once again, with Shining Demon Spirits accounting for half of the total.

Li Xiu obtained four Talent Gemstones and one Skill Ring again.

In the seventh round, a Radiant Demon Spirit Ring appeared, along with three Talent Gemstones, but still no Radiant Demon Spirit.

The eighth round... the ninth round... the tenth round...

By the tenth round, Flowing Color Demon Spirits were almost nowhere to be seen; a large number of demon spirits were Shining Demon Spirits, and Radiant Demon Spirits had already surpassed a hundred.

Fortunately, Demigod Shana, Pink Nightmare, and Jedi Knight could still each guard a street. The Ice Soul Sea Demon paired with Love God Shooter could barely hold on.

If it weren't for the Love God Shooter's arrows causing demon spirits to betray, this side might have already been breached.

However, when Love God Shooter's arrows hit a Radiant Demon Spirit, the effect wasn't as good, only causing the Radiant Demon Spirit to betray briefly, requiring Demigod Shana's support to defeat the Radiant Demon Spirit.

"The Love God Shooter has clear advantages and disadvantages. Her arrows lack actual lethality and need a lethal demon spirit to coordinate. But this can already be considered a skill; if well-utilized, Love God Shooter's arrows could be a powerful weapon. It's a pity there isn't a suitable Demon Core here. Otherwise, elevating her level could sometimes be more useful than Demigod Shana." Li Xiu was pondering how to respond next,

when the Jedi Knight had already consumed all of the Demon Cores and placed the retrieved Talent Gemstones and Skill Rings before Li Xiu.

Li Xiu now had over twenty Talent Gemstones and more than a dozen Skill Rings, becoming somewhat numb and reluctant to look at them.

He glanced at them subconsciously, ready to look away, but suddenly paused.

He noticed a Talent Gemstone that was somewhat different from the others.

Previously, all the Talent Gemstones Li Xiu obtained here had identical iron-like shells, which were incomplete. The exposed parts revealed a Black Apatite-like crystalline core.

This particular Talent Gemstone, however, was different. Its shell seemed to be densely arranged with black sand, and although the exposed parts were still black crystals, they faintly emitted a blood-red glow.

"This Talent Gemstone is interesting." Li Xiu picked up the special Talent Gemstone, dropped a drop of blood on it, turning it into his own talent.

Undying (Growth-Type Talent): E-level talent, immune to twenty percent of Black Death Light.

"There are growth-type talents?" Li Xiu finally understood the difference between the talents in the Land of Trial and those in the Trial Ground.

The talent rewards obtained in the Trial Ground were fixed levels, but here the talents might be growth-type.

Moreover, Li Xiu had a bold speculation that the talent rewards in the Trial Ground might be limited to only a few types.

While in the Land of Trial, one might obtain a rare talent like Undying.

The skills should follow a similar logic; there might be skills here that don't exist in the Trial Ground, with the possibility of being growth-type.

This speculation rekindled Li Xiu's previously numb mindset, though he still didn't know how to upgrade talent levels for the time being.

In the eleventh round of demon spirit attacks, there were no Flowing Color Demon Spirits anymore; Shining Demon Spirits appeared directly.

The appearance rate of Radiant Demon Spirits also increased, almost accounting for half of the demon spirit quantity.

Demigod Shana's side could still hold on but now couldn't attend to the other three directions of the streets.

Pink Nightmare's side was also having problems; it could still kill those demon spirits, but sometimes there were fish escaping from its side.

The Ice Soul Sea Demon couldn't hold on anymore; Li Xiu had recalled it early, now relying solely on the Love God Shooter to defend a street, which was barely holding.

However, the Jedi Knight was still exceedingly fierce, guarding a street that the demon spirits couldn't breakthrough.

Li Xiu decisively chose to retreat, withdrew into the small stone house, had the Pink Nightmare charge in the street, with Demigod Shana and Jedi Knight guarding the door, Love God Shooter shooting arrows inside, and Li Xiu himself hiding at the very back.

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Groups of demon spirits swarmed in, yet under Li Xiu's command, four demon spirits wreaked havoc. The street before the stone house was engulfed in black smoke, shimmering under the blood-red moon, an indescribable mix of eeriness and splendor.

"It's the eleventh round, and still no appearance of the Radiant Demon Spirit. Is the Radiant Demon Spirit really that rare?" Li Xiu mused over other matters while commanding the four demon spirits in battle.

"If the Godslayer Shrine knew I was here killing so many and reaping so many benefits, I wonder if they'd be driven insane with rage." Li Xiu suddenly felt an urge to showcase his earnings before the Godslayer Shrine, curious if they'd be smoking with fury.

The Pink Nightmare let out a long hiss as a Radiant Demon Spirit's Black Light Whip lashed upon it, causing it to rear its hooves in pain.

"Level really matters. Even a Radiant Demon Spirit's attack isn't very damaging to a Pink Nightmare with an absolute advantage at B-level. If it were just C-level or D-level, I guess it would've died long ago." Li Xiu quickly withdrew the Pink Nightmare, not wanting it to sustain severe injury.

After all, it's his only mount; without it, escaping would be a problem for Li Xiu in the future.

The general situation had long been decided, no longer in need of the Pink Nightmare; Jedi Knight and Demigod Shana had already charged out, beginning to clear the remaining few demon spirits.

Only the Love God Shooter remained inside, occasionally shooting an arrow at the demon spirits dashing in.

Li Xiu was deeply engrossed in watching when he suddenly felt a warmth within his body, as if some force was growing inside, and then some information appeared in his mind.

Undying (Growable Talent): D-level talent, immune to Forty Percent of Black Death Light.

"How come it evolved just like that?" Li Xiu was somewhat surprised; he hadn't done anything, yet the Undying talent had somehow grown to D-level.

"Could it be related to the black smoke?" Li Xiu pondered as he looked at the black smoke rising from the outside corpses.

Though he had been very careful not to contact the black smoke on the demon spirits, some of it inevitably dispersed into the air, leading him to inhale some.

Li Xiu thought it over and concluded that the growth of Undying might be due to the influence of the black smoke.

"One growth by 20 percent, D-level means Forty Percent immunity; at this growth speed, won't it be 100 percent immunity at A-level? This could be even stronger than the S-level talent Ice Heart. Is it because the growable talent is inherently strong, or perhaps the future growth percentage won't be as high?" Li Xiu considered various possibilities.

Seizing the opportunity before the demon spirits died out, Li Xiu cautiously stepped outside, inhaling a bit of the black smoke to see if it might further the growth of the Undying talent.

After inhaling some black smoke, Li Xiu immediately felt his body react, some places on his body felt pricked like needles.

Li Xiu hurriedly retreated. Compared to talent growth, survival is naturally more important.

Thankfully, after retreating, the needle-prick sensation gradually vanished.

"Looks like I can't inhale too much; slowly is better." Li Xiu dared not directly inhale the black smoke again, simply getting close and inhaling some of the faint black smoke.

Before long, Li Xiu once more had the needle-prick sensation on his body. He pulled open his tight white outfit to find some needle-tip-sized black spots.

After distancing himself from the black smoke, those black spots vanished shortly after, along with the prickling sensation.

"Forty percent immunity is still too weak." Li Xiu could only proceed slowly, enduring as he trained his Undying talent.

The demon spirits had been thoroughly cleared by Jedi Knight and Demigod Shana; Li Xiu quickly spotted two Demon Spirit Rings, presumably both of the Radiant grade.

There were even more Talent Gemstones and Skill Rings, giving Li Xiu the feeling that they were becoming ubiquitous.

But Li Xiu knew well enough that such a chance probably wouldn't easily come a second time. Under normal circumstances, trying to obtain such a quantity of Talent Gemstones and Skill Rings would be nearly impossible.

Even if he couldn't use them himself, taking them out and finding the right people should allow him to sell them at a decent price.

The Night Pupil talent and Dark Curse skill would certainly have a market in Zhongshan City; they are essential talents and skills for Trial Takers looking to explore the Dark Maze.

Li Xiu planned to provide Ah Fei with a Night Pupil talent and Dark Curse skill once outside, as she'd need to accompany him to the S-level Dark Maze, where those talents and skills would be much more convenient.

Upon finishing the battlefield cleanup, Li Xiu found that the Radiant Demon Spirit Rings in his possession exceeded those shining and iridescent ones.

It was a pity there weren't any growable talents or skills; the probability of those items appearing might be lower than that of the Demon Spirit Rings.

"The explosion rate of high-quality demon spirits is really high; I wonder if the final round of demon spirit tide will feature Radiant Demon Spirits..." Li Xiu anticipated the last wave of demon spirit tides.

Eliminating this tide of demon spirits had taken too long, with less than two hours left. The Jedi Knight hadn't finished consuming the magic cores on the ground before the twelfth tide of demon spirits began.

Despite eating magic cores from so many rounds, the Jedi Knight had yet to upgrade; it's likely the E-level magic cores are difficult to use for upgrading anymore.

Without hearing the familiar sound of chains dragging on the ground, Li Xiu saw a demon spirit wearing shackles emerging from the long street's end.

The demon spirit's body flickered in and out as though a transparent ghost radiating black light, with black smoke rising around it, distorting even the space outside its body.

"Radiant Demon Spirit!" Li Xiu was somewhat astonished; every appearing demon spirit turned out to be a Radiant Demon Spirit.

It was truly abnormal; not a single Radiant Demon Spirit had appeared before, yet the first now was Radiant.

"Does this mean all demon spirits appearing in the twelfth round will be Radiant Demon Spirits!" Li Xiu frowned; if true, survival would be extremely difficult.